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Sunday, August 16, 2026

Blessed are those
Who Show Mercy

Luke 16
August 16, 2026

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BLESSINGS



Welcome to Epworth Worship
Sunday 9:50 am
in-person and online

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*VISION: Explore Faith,
Embrace Community*
*MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,
Connecting, Caring*

All Means All

As a [Reconciling Ministries Network](#) congregation, we welcome all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to share their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.



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~ We Gather in Worship ~

Lord, I Need You

*Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher,
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.
*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
oh, God, how I need You.*

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are. Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me. {Chorus}

So teach my song to rise to You
when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay. {Chorus twice}

TAG: *My one defense, my righteousness,
oh, God, how I need You.*

Goodness of God

*Jenn Johnson, Brian Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ed Cash,
& Ben Fielding ©2019 Shout Music Publishing
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

I love you, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.
*And all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
And in darkest nights You are close like no other.
I've known You as Jehovah,
I've known You as a friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God. {Refrain}

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me.
And Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,
I give You everything.
'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me. {Repeat section - Refrain}
*I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing!
Oh, yes, 'cause all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

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God So Loved

*Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash
& Andrew Bergthold ©2019 We the Kingdom Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

**Come, all you weary. Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water. Come and thirst no more.**

**Come, all you sinners. Come, find His mercy.
Come to the table. He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness.
Find what you're looking for.**

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.*

**Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come, lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.
See His open arms?**

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The pow'r of hell, forever defeated.
Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.*

**Praise God, praise God,
from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him
for the wonders of His love.
Praise God, praise God,
from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him
for the wonders of His love, His amazing love.
*{Repeat Chorus}***

**Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come, lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting. God so loved the world.**

Kid's Time

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Frederick W. Faber, 1854 / V. Earle Copes, 1960
Congregational Hymn*

**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.**

**There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in His blood.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of the Lord.**

Prayers of the People

Gracious God,

Mike Nonemaker

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In love You created us,
and in love You sustain us, day after day.
So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers to You,
knowing that You hear us, and will respond.

We pray for the world around us,
for the many who continue to suffer and call out for help:
for those without enough to eat;
for those caught up in violence and political uprisings;
for those picking up the pieces after a natural disaster;
for those desperate to find work to support their families.

Gracious God, hear our prayer, *and in Your love, answer.*

We also pray for family and friends who are suffering:
those struggling physically or emotionally,
those working to overcome mental illness;
those facing challenges at home or at work;
those grieving the death of a loved one.

Gracious God, hear our prayer, *and in Your love, answer.*

God, You have called us to pray for our enemies;
to bless, rather than curse,
those who deliberately seek to harm us.

We bring their names before You now—
those who have hurt us, physically or emotionally;
those who have stolen from us,
or cheated us of what was rightfully ours;
those who have spread rumors about us,
or turned our friends against us.

We ask You to bless them.

Open our hearts so that we may see them as You see them,
and be able to respond to them with Your love.

Gracious God, hear our prayer, *and in Your love, answer.*

We pray for Your church around the world,
that it would be a living demonstration
of Your coming kingdom:
offering hospitality to all, ready to help in times of need,
showing love to friends and enemies alike,
seeking to live in peace with all.

Gracious God, hear our prayer, *and in Your love, answer.*

God, we praise You for Your faithful love,
and for the mercy You have shown toward us.

Open our eyes to recognize Your presence in our lives.

Give us grace to hear Your call,
and courage to follow without hesitation,
knowing that Your way is the only way that leads to life.

In your precious name, we pray. Amen.

*And now with the confidence of the Children of God,
let us recite the prayer Christ taught us:*

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

What Does Our God Require?

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2016 / Henry T. Smart, 1835
Congregational Hymn

**What does our God require of those who long to be
disciples set afire for all the world to see?**

**The answer through the ages has always been the same;
the Triune charge it wages is there for all to claim.**

**Do justice, says our Savior, as through the world you go.
Live so that your behavior will let all others know
that everyone is precious, and all indeed means all,
whatever tone one's flesh is, or in what tongue they call.**

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Love mercy as a treasure show kindness and forgive;
That is the second measure of how we're called to live.
As we've received from others and from our God above,
our sisters and our brothers deserve our grace and love.

Walk humbly, we're commanded,
beside the One each day
who helps us understand it: this true and perfect way.
So let us strive together our best for God to be
through justice, tender mercy, and real humility.

Lesson: *Luke 16:1-8*

Patricia Truitt, reader

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Jesus Is My Lord

Dana Mengel, 1999

Chancel Choir Anthem

Jesus my Lord, my soul's delight,
my comfort by day, my song in the night,
to whom in affliction my voice will cry out!
My Hope and redemption I will shout:

Jesus is my Lord! Jesus is my Lord!

He is the Way, the Truth, and Life, forevermore!

Grant us your mercy and pardoning grace.
Restore to us, Lord, the light of your face.
Your life-quenching waters to us impart.
Bring comfort and joy to every heart. *{Chorus}*

Prayer for Our Pastor

Patricia Truitt

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

O God of Every Nation

William W. Reid, Jr., 1958 / Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

Congregational Hymn

O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem Your whole creation
with Your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us,
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,

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from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to Your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen all who labor
that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase.
When hope and courage falter,
Lord, let Your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
Your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Mighty To Save

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2010

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a Savior. The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save.

God is mighty to save.

Forever, author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me,
all my fears and failures. Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow,
everything I believe in. Now I surrender.

{Refrain twice}

Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, shine your light,
and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save.

God is mighty to save.

Forever, author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

You're my Savior, You can move the mountains.

God, You are mighty to save.

You are mighty to save.

Forever, author of salvation

You rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

You are mighty to save.

Annual Worship Theme

July 19 - September 6, 2026

The Beatitudes



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of August 16, 2026

SYMPATHY

CONCERNS

Those impacted by shootings

Conflict in middle east

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Arletta

Marie Ahern

Barcus Family

Rev. Meg Barnhouse

Charlie Barnes

Toni Barnes

*Linda Benderhilt

*Cathy Benson

Michael Bedard

*Jeff Bond

Boshart Family

Brint and Lynne

Brooke and Ralph

*Tim Bush

Dave

David Caffier

Bill Casey

Nicolette Coffey

Larry Collins

Claire Connelly

Connie

Donna and Bill Crnkovich

Jeanny Delaspira

Tom Donnachie

Renee Downs

*Jane Drapper

Sylvie Drew

*Jennifer Eden Family

Carilyle Erich

Katherine Erlanger

Victoria Farrell

Deb Ferlitto and Mother

Ron Fagnilli

Coleson Alexander Fillmore

Marion Ford

Carol Anne Fowler

*Sterling Green

Greenan

Calvin Griffiths

*Tom Groff

Toni Groff

*Clella Harp

Jerich Hasieber

Sheila Hass

Kathy Hertley

Martha Kallaher

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz

*Jimmy/Linda Hess

Ray Hilt

Connie Ann Holms-Tatom

Diane Kelly

Patricia Kelley

Mary Ann King

Any Klein

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*Barb Kurtz
Lauren
*George Leet
Ranger Linder
*Rob Linder
Val Linder
*Donna Lipscomb
Leonard Logan
Bob Luedel
Janis Lunn
Mo Madden
*Loretta Mahan
Patrick Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
*Marv Malone
*Stephanie Manos
Karen Mascola
Bob Mazur
Sean and Adrienne McCullough
Kaitlyn McCutcheon
Ellen McKeon
*Missy Mehring
Tai Mercer
Josh Mikalowski
Frank Milligan
Robert Morris
Russ Mullen
*Ron Paxton
*Bob Paulen
*Kevin Pelland
Wayne Perry
*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
Price Family
Quinn Family
Gary Ralph
Deb Rhodes
*Janene Riley-Spillane
*Keith Riley-Spillane
*Bill Robbins
Bill Roche
Marty Rockey
Emmalea Ruff
John Ruff
*John Sadler
Jean Safrit
*Carl Schloegel
*Loretta Smith
*Susie Spencer
Melanie and John Steinmetz
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Tony
Owen Thompson
Rene Toney
Steven Trantum
*Rose Verona
Lee Ann Walling
Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
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*Karen West
Wendy

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Michael Wills, Sr
*Lynne Wilmer
*Carol Woodcock
*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
*Tom Worrall
*Michelle Yates
*Linda Miniscako & Jeanne Drake
Don Ziegler
Mary Beth and Luke
Bob and Dick
Rob
Tom and Pat
Wesley
Tom

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*Charlotte Woods
Elaine Trexler
*Janet Yabroff
Maddie
Luke
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